

La Paz County

Program Year
2010-2011

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION



Arizona
Department of
Education
Adult
Education
Services

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*Adult Education
delivers literacy
services to
out-of-school
adults who are
16 years of age
and older and
who are not
enrolled in
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **La Paz Career Center** is the program certified to provide adult education throughout La Paz County. The Arizona Department of Education—Adult Education Services allocated \$82,964 to La Paz County for adult education services for the Program Year 2010-2011.



La Paz County Adult Education **DATA**

- 38 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 649 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$128 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$2,183 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student
(compared to over \$6,000 funding per K-12 student)
- 42% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 33% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 81% who sought a job found employment
- 91% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 67% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 15 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

La Paz County's

Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 20,050 people living in La Paz County, 81% (16,331) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 25% (4,079) lack a high school credential. 16% (150) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

5% of individuals 18 years and older (805) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*).

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

La Paz County has been a leader in linking Adult Education and Workforce Development. In the 2008-2009 program year, La Paz County received \$58,811 in performance based incentive funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for the residents of La Paz County. Lessons learned from La Paz County model have been implemented in Arizona's current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services
www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed

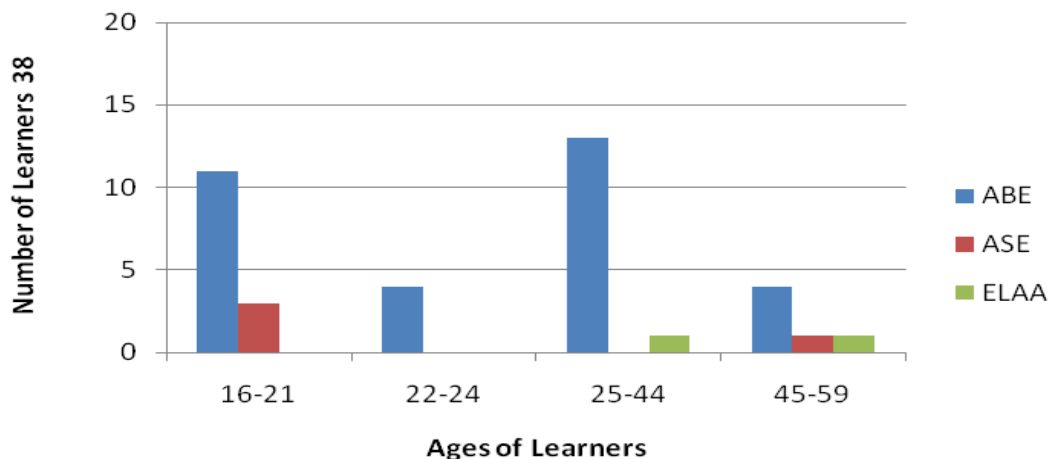
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in LA PAZ County

- 2,622 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. La Paz County reported 774 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 6%. ADE-AES served 18 people under the age of 25, of whom 77% (14) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 84% of the adults in La Paz County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 37% of adult learners in La Paz County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 34% of adult learners in La Paz County are employed.
- 25% (4,079) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in La Paz County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 15 individuals earning a GED[®] in La Paz County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$128,700 per year.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

La Paz County Adult Learners



- ABE** = Adult Basic Education Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.
- ASE** = Adult Secondary Education Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.
- ELAA** = English Language Acquisition for Adults Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.